

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly urge the FCC to maintain the net neutrality rules and Title II classification that keeps our internet open and equitable. The internet is a gateway for information, communication, job seekers, researchers, and those simply curious about their world and neighbors. Allowing ISPs to invade privacy, charge variable rates to consumers, charge variable rates to companies and corporations, and engage in fraudulent billing and advertising practices is bad for every American. It will stifle innovation and small companies; it will prevent the most poor and vulnerable of us from using the internet to better their situations in life; it will allow large ISPs to monopolize the market and prevent competition. I am one of the 50 million households in America that has no choice for high-speed internet. I have one option – a major ISP – and they can essentially charge me what they wish, and if they start “fast-laning” and “slow-laning” content, they are effectively censoring my ability to use the internet. This is wrong, and it is the duty of the FCC to protect consumer rights and stop ISPs from taking advantage of us.

America is at a critical decision-point. We can choose to turn away from innovation, science, research, and technology and allow the major corporations to grow more bloated and trample the little guy. Or we can stand up for every Americans' right to a free and open internet and promote growth in the science and technology sector – the sector that is essential for the future of our economy. Be on the right side of history, and support America's continued success by maintaining net neutrality and Title II classification.

Sincerely,
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